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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuki MIYAZAWA, et al.

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FOR: TILLERING PROMOTER FOR PLANT AND METHOD FOR TILLERING PROMOTION OF PLANT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 9-12 and add new Claims 13-16 as follows.

*C* ~~2~~ ~~13~~. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim ~~8~~, wherein the concentration of said amino acid applied to the leaves of grass ranges from 0.2 ppm to 0.2 %.

*B1* ~~3~~ ~~14~~. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim ~~13~~, wherein said concentration of said amino acid ranges from 10 to 300 ppm.

~~4~~ ~~15~~. (Newly Added) The method according to Claim ~~14~~, wherein said concentration of said amino acid ranges from 100 to 300 ppm.